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S.W. To Get Heritage Trail

By Hugh Muir

On January 15, Cultural Tourism DC and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will inaugurate the city's fourth Heritage Trail, a 3.2-mile, self-guided walking tour recalling two centuries of life within Washington's historic waterfront community.

The kickoff ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on board the scenic tour vessel Odyssey, docked at Sixth and Water Streets. The event is free and the public is invited. (The ship will remain at the pier for the event). Local political and civic leaders have also been invited.

The Southwest Heritage Trail — River Farms to Urban Towers — will be marked by 17 poster-size illustrated signs. The trail focuses on the years from the capital's founding in the 1790s to the massive redevelopment of Southwest in the 1950s and '60s.

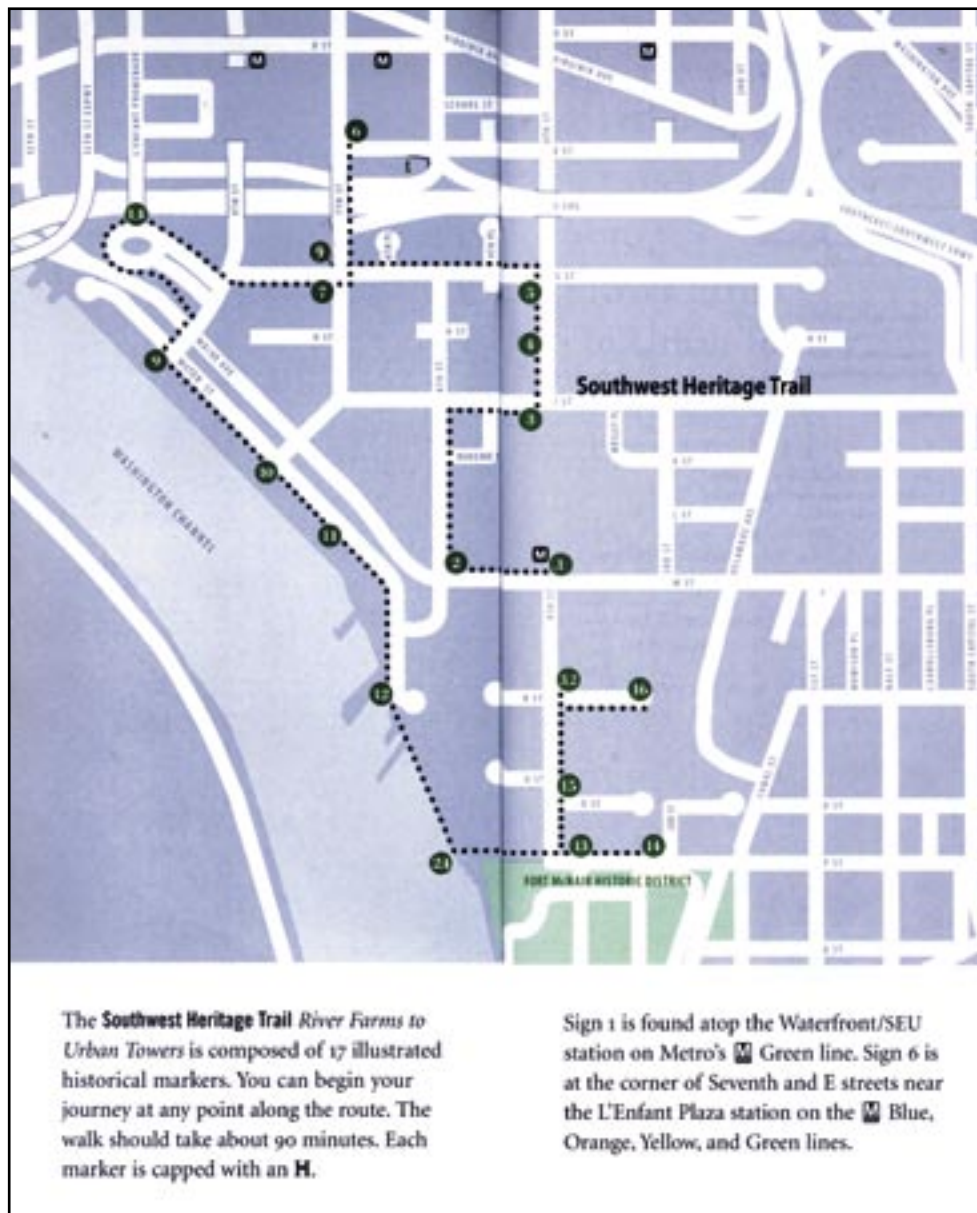
The trail will begin at Fourth and M Streets, at the Waterfront Metro stop. The two-hour stroll will loop north to St. Dominic's Catholic Church (just beyond I-395), west to Banneker Circle above the Fish Market, then drop south along the Washington Channel to Fort McNair before returning up Fourth Street, where the trail will end at 4th and N. Each illustrated sign will have historical photographs and text pointing out where major events occurred and where significant neighborhoods and structures once existed. On the back of each sign will be a map of the entire route with indicators of key stops.

Jane Freundel Levey, lead historian and writer for Cultural Tourism DC, who helped create the trail, emphasizes that the results reflect SW community wishes. "We worked very hard with the SWNA History Task Force to tell the tale it wanted to tell," she says. "And we also wanted to help the community to develop itself as an attraction for tourists."

Margaret Feldman, chair of the SW History Task Force and a long-standing neighborhood activist, says, "We are looking forward to welcoming visitors from across Washington and the nation, as well as local school children. The trail encourages us all to see history come alive in the buildings and streets around us."

Southwest's trail was 18 months in the making and cost \$150,000. Funding is from the Federal Highway Administration with matching local dollars.

D.C.'s first two trails were opened in 2002: Downtown Heritage Trail: Civil War to Civil Rights; and City Within a City: Greater U Street Heritage Trail. A third trail opened on December 10, on Capitol Hill: "Tour of Duty: Barracks Row Heritage Trail." The Capitol Hill trail begins at the Eastern Market Metro stop at Seventh Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. The two-hour walk proceeds down Eighth Street, past the Marine Barracks (the nation's oldest continuous Marine installation) to the Navy Yard (Washington's first major industry) and returns north through historic neighborhoods to the Eastern Market, the city's only still active 19th century market.



Two more Heritage Trails are to be inaugurated in 2005, according to Cultural Tourism DC. They will be in Washing-

ton's Shaw and Mount Pleasant neighborhoods. ■



The holiday tree at Jenny's Restaurant is trimmed with Bear Beanie Babies, which when sold for \$4.99 each will result in a cash gift to MP Boys & Girls Club #4 in S.W.



The Walls Come Tumbling Down

Demolition at Arthur Capper public housing on 4th St. SE. to make way for mixed income housing under Hope VI.

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Margaret Feldman Honored

By Jean Macdonald



Margaret Feldman

Margaret Feldman and her late husband, Harold, long time social activists, were honored in November by the National Council on Family Relations, (NCFR) at its meeting in Orlando, Fla.. Mrs. Feldman has been the organization's Washington representative for some time. NCFR is naming its new Washington Office the Margaret and Harold Feldman Policy Office in honor of their service. The office will continue the work of the Feldmans in creating policy and lobbying in D.C. in support of family and children's

issues.

Margaret Feldman is a past president of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and currently chair of the SWNA History Task Force, which has helped design a Heritage Trail for SW, the Call Box project and the mural planned for the 12th Street tunnel in S.W.

As a resident of River Park, organized its 25th anniversary celebration and planned their mortgage burning ceremony last year. Margaret is proud to say she has three children (who were flown to Orlando Florida with her to receive this honor), seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Deadline for submissions for next month's

Southwester: January 5.

Southwest Community Calendar

(Nov. 21 – Dec. 31, 2004)

MONTHLY

WED. DEC. 15 Arena Stage \$10 SW Night, Hallelujah Baby, 7:30 pm

FRI. DEC. 17 SW Nite at Arena Stage – Hallelujah Baby, 8 pm

SAT. DEC. 18 SEU Holiday Celebration. Inside university 6th and I (Eye) SW 3 to 6 pm; Carolling around SW 6-7 pm

WED. DEC. 22 Holiday Chamber Music, St. Augustine's Church, 6th and Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm

FRI. DEC. 24 Christmas Eve Jazz, Buck Hill group. Westminster Church, 4th & I (Eye) St. SW. Early hours 4-7 pm

SAT. DEC. 25 Christmas Holiday

FRI. DEC. 31 New Years Eve Jazz, Jerry Gordon group, Westminster Church, 4th & I (Eye) St. SW Early hours 4-7 pm

SAT. JAN. 1 New Years Day Holiday.

TUES. JAN. 4 Police Citizens Advisory Council, 415 4th St. S.W. 7 pm

MON. JAN. 10 ANC meeting. Public can attend 65 I (Eye) St. SW 7 pm

WED. JAN. 12 AARP luncheon, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 12 noon

MON. JAN. 17 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday holiday observed

THURS. JAN. 20 Police Service Area 104 meeting at Greenleaf Seniors, 1200 Delaware Ave. SW 7 pm

FRI. JAN. 21 Presidential Inauguration Day; School holiday

MON. JAN. 24 SWNA Public meeting. St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 7:30 pm

WED. JAN. 26 Arena Stage \$10 Southwest Night, Intimations for Saxophone, 7:30 pm

THURS. JAN. 27 NARFE Holiday party at H2O Restaurant, 800 Water St. S.W. noon

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS - First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS - Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm

SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS - Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 - noon

COLLECTOR'S CLUB STAMPS - First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm (202-291-62290)

S.W. KIWANIS - First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

S.W. CITIZENS PATROL with Officer Kenny Daniels - 4th & M St. S.W., Safeway parking lot, every Tues. At 7 pm

NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS - Every Wed. GSA Bldg - 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed. January 5



Lida Holland Churchville in front of the Bartholdi Fountain.

Bartholdi Fountain In S.W.

By Lida Holland Churchville

This year celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the death of Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, designer of the Statue of Liberty in New York City, as well as the Bartholdi Fountain located Southwest of the Capitol Building, right across Independence Ave. from the Botanical Garden.

When you visit the Christmas Show at the Botanical Garden, take some time to visit Bartholdi Park, a triangular island at First St. S.W. and Independence Ave., with the fountain at its center. The fountain's water is turned off for the winter season, so it is a good time to study the thirty-foot fountain resting in a large basin decorated with turtles, fish, shells and cherubs, and

To delight in the beautiful, eleven-foot tall sea nymphs holding a large basin supporting twelve lights at the fountain's center.

At its creation in 1876 for the International Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, Bartholdi coupled modern gas-lighting with water to represent Light and Water as being symbolic of the modern city. At the close of the Exhibition, where it won many prizes (and where Bartholdi displayed the right arm and torch of the Statue of Liberty, the U. S. Government purchased the fountain, at the suggestion of Frederick Law Olmsted, the famous designer of the Capitol Grounds.

2004, being the 100th anniversary of the death of Bartholdi, Congress funded a major restoration for the fountain and park. This year's holiday season is a good time to check up on the renovation's progress and to make plans to visit again in the Spring when the flowers are blooming, the lights are glowing, and fountain is flowing.

Thank you, M. Bartholdi. ■

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At the Council hearing Oct. 27 over 200 residents signed up to testify and overwhelmingly said NO to a public stadium. They testified that citizens tax dollars need to be spent to replace DC General Hospital, make school repairs, provide sports and arts facilities and provide staff for our children. Many businesses testified about not being able to take on special baseball taxes.

The District's Chief Financial Officer spoke of cost estimates being millions of dollars short of what the District would realistically have to pay out.

Ninety prominent economists certified that public financing of stadiums is not a sensible investment for a city.

I and many others live at or have businesses at the proposed site for the baseball stadium. We pay our taxes and make an honest living in that area.

Neighbors! Urge council members not to rush into a deal that will benefit the wealthy baseball owners and hurt the average DC resident. (Council phone numbers are in the blue pages of the phone book).

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- In an after-school drama program for teens by Arena Stage.

- Purchased supplies for an early literacy pre-school at the Apple Tree Institute for Education Innovation;
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SWNA Youth Task Force Active In 2004

By Jean Macdonald, Chair

Since last spring, after SW neighbors and friends responded generously to YATF's mailing, we have been able to reach literally hundreds of SW youth with educational and healthful activities.

Often we have partnered with King Greenleaf and Randall Recreation Centers and the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club No. 4. The staffs and volunteer coaches of these three provide the bulk of after school recreation and learning programs for youth in SW, and especially during the summer. YATF also supports and collaborates with Arena Stage professionals in their Education Outreach program.

In July YATF's Tae Kwon Do classes were included twice a week as part of the King Greenleaf Rec Center Summer Camp, with 25 to 30 boys and girls learning Tae Kwon Do. YATF also bought needed sports equipment for the camp and uniforms for the PomPom girls team, which won an intercity competition.

YATF sponsored SW youth who were driven to Bowling Air Force Base for several weeks during the summer to compete at bowling and swimming. Trophies were awarded.

A grant obtained by YATF paid for the Summer Youth Basketball League evenings at King-Greenleaf Courts. Older youth helped coach the younger teams. The summer was marred by the tragic death of one of the teen-age coach/players when he was visiting in the suburbs. He had frequently taken part in other YATF activities over the years and was on the path to a successful adulthood.

YATF was able to supply Randall Rec

with needed sports equipment for their summer program., and again sponsored one of Club #4's football teams, paying the steep registration fees and for expensive uniforms and safety equipment.

YATF continued to sponsor classes in safe baby-sitting habits and emergency preparedness, under the national organization, Safe Sitters, Inc. Certificates are



The winning 2004 POM POM team at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center.

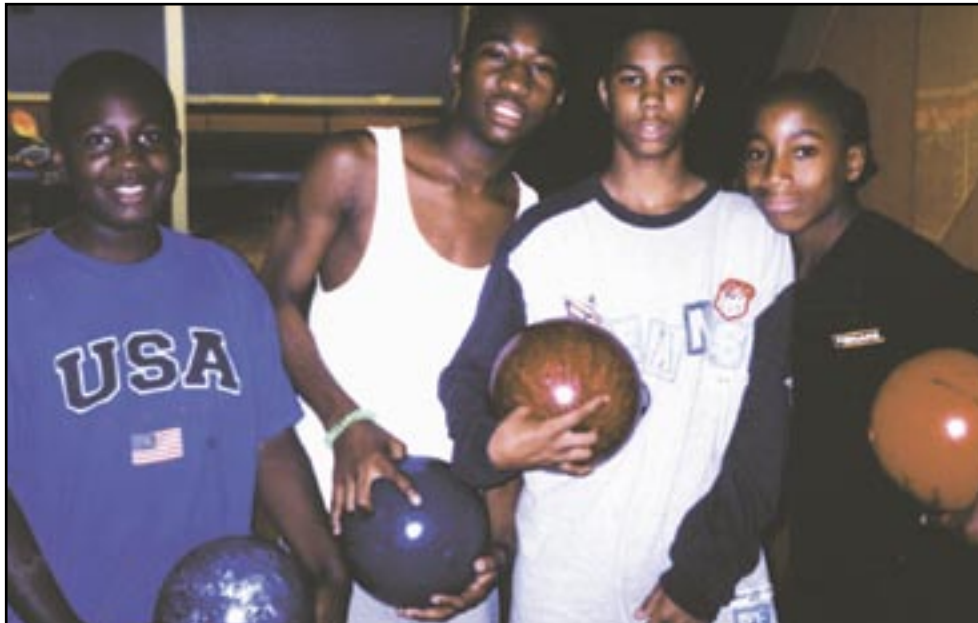
awarded to successful graduates. The next class will be Saturday, Jan. 27. Parents may enroll their boys and girls ages 11 to 13 by calling Thelma Jones, a certified Safe Sitter instructor, 202-488-3746.

YATF volunteers cooked and served turkeys and fixings for youth at King-Greenleaf Rec at Thanksgiving time.

So, that's what SWNA's Youth Activities Task Force has been up to. And we couldn't have accomplished this without the continuing and generous support of SW neighbors and friends. So—THANK YOU! ■



One of Club #4's 2004 football teams



A few of the SW youth who swam and bowled at Bolling Air Force Base.

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SWNA Seeks Candidates For Board

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Thelma, who last year was Southwest's Grass Roots Honoree to the DC Federa-

tion of Civic Association, is a past President of SWNA and has served as chair for SWNA's scholarship and fundraising committees. She has covered stories for The Southwester for 20 years, been an assistant editor and been a member of the YATF for that long, too. She has been helpful to our neighborhood as Community Outreach Coordinator for the World Bank.

She and her committee depend on volunteers calling to suggest themselves or others for Board membership. (202-488-3746). ■

Neo Morake, Budding Scientist

Southwest resident and Banneker Senior High student Neo Morake is looking forward to a career in science. This fall she is fulfilling her community service by 'shadowing physicians' in the Operating Room at George Washington University Hospital.

Earlier in 2004 she worked at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Silver Spring and at the National Foundation's Koshland Science Museum in downtown DC. In her senior year at Banneker she is working hard (in all A.P. or advanced placement course) to keep up her grades, but still has time for sports, clarinet lessons, practice and concerts.

She is the daughter of Shirley Morake Murphy and Tony Murphy and an active member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, serving as an assistant to Pastor Huber. ■



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Greenleaf Extension Elects Council

(abbreviated for lack of space in this issue from an article written by ANC Commissioner Mary C. Williams, who represents the district which contains Greenleaf Gardens Extension).

Twenty four residents of Greenleaf Gardens Extension gathered at 205 L St. S.W. recently to elect resident council members for three year terms. Elected were Patricia Patterson, president; Barbara Hines-Randolph, vice

president; Wanda White, secretary; and Linda Smith, treasurer. The council members will nominate a resident as sergeant-at-arms.

"The residents themselves are really the leaders here," said President Patterson. "The Resident Council is just the voice of the residents, so we can only do what residents request us to do. If we stick together as a community, we can accomplish a great deal." ■

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J. E. Robert, Jr.: "Integrity is #1"

By Dale MacIver

Southeastern University's Biz Talks speaker on Nov. 16 was Joseph Robert, Jr., founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the real estate investment giant, J.E. Robert Companies (JER). In summarizing the elements of business success, he was firm in listing integrity as number one. Mr. Robert explained that he was not a college graduate, but early on had read and studied the textbooks assigned in business courses in colleges. JER has purchased and/or managed over \$40 billion worth of assets "and has achieved annualized returns in excess of 30% for the past 21 years."

Robert was introduced by Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis, president of SEU. The Biz Talks series is sponsored by SEU's Center For Entrepreneurship. Dr. Jarvis had 21 years experience as Chair of the Economic Development Committee of the D.C. Council and believes that entrepreneurship stabilizes neighborhoods through job creation.

"Core Values" in a J. E. Robert Companies pamphlet distributed to the audience put integrity at the top of the list. This means "adhering to high moral and ethical principles, and insisting that other company employees do the same." Later, the pamphlet explains, "There is nothing wrong with being ambitious, aggressive, impatient, demanding or perfectionist."



Joseph E. Robert, Jr., and SEU President Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis

The caveat is, one must also be ethical and conform to the highest standards of integrity."

Mr. Robert is third speaker in the Biz Talks series of SEU's Center For Entrepreneurship. Others scheduled in 2005 include James F. Garrett, Pres. & CEO of SENTEL Corporation on Jan. 13; Deryol McKissack, CEO & President, McKissack & McKissack in February, and Robert L. Johnson, Founder, Chairman & CEO of Black Entertainment Television (BET) and owner of professional basketball teams. The center is sponsoring a series of seminars on non-profits and small business, open to the public, and recently raised \$400,000 for the center at a black tie gala addressed by Hip Hop entrepreneur Russell Simmons.

Ward 6 Dems Party Dec. 15

Residents of Ward 6 – Near SW and Capitol Hill - are urged to mingle with their neighbors at the annual Holiday Party Wed. Dec. 15 from 7 pm to 9 pm in the upstairs party room at the Hawk and Dove, 329 Pennsylvania Ave. SE. Admission is only \$10 and they are seeking "sponsors" too, in order to build up the treasury for mailings and meeting room expenses (The school system charged nearly \$175 for the Tyler School meeting in Nov.) The Jan. meeting, hopefully in the RFK stadium area will discuss the proposed new hospital. Jan Eichhorn, president, can be reached at 547-8855.

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NARFE Celebrates

Part of the crowd at the 20th anniversary party of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees at Jenny's Restaurant.

Second from left is Charles W. Reynolds, one of the founders from 20 years ago. Other founders were Jerome N. Bluestein, Pauline W. Chambers, Mary "Sime" Liles, Marilyn L. McGilton, and Elaine G. Shafrin.



Among Southwest artists at Art-O-Matic this year were Annie King Phillips, shown with samples of her collages, and Denny Cruz, whose display of art is shown here.

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